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E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS KU

SUBJ: PERMANENT US MILITARY MISSION IN KUWAIT

1. WE HAVE RUN INTO AN AREA OF SUBSTANTIVE DISAGREEMENT WITH DOD OVER THE TIMING OF PRESIDENTIAL ACTION ON NSC UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM REQUESTING PRESIDENT TO AUTHORIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR PERMANENT MILITARY MISSION IN KUWAIT.

2. IN NUTSHELL: DEFENSE WANTS TO GO FORWARD WITH ACTION NOW, IN ORDER DEMONSTRATE TO GOK THAT OUR INTEREST IN ITS DEFENSE NEEDS IS STRONG AND LONG-TERM AND DOES NOT VACILLATE WITH CHANGING GENERAL STIUATION IN MIDDLE EAST. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE DEFENSE LOGIC, WE SIMPLY CAN NOT RPT NOT AGREE THAT NOW IS PROPER TIME TO SEEK PRESIDENTIAL ACTION ON THIS ISSUE. TO DO SO PREMATURELY, WE BELIEVE, COULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE OUR CHANCES OF GETTING THE PERMANENT KUWAIT MILITARY MISSION BOTH WE AND DEFENSE WISH TO SEE ESTABLISHED.

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3. YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM OPEN CHANNEL COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL IN RECEIPT OF EXPLANATORY MATERIALS WHICH WE ARE POUCHING TO YOU IN NEXT POUCH, WHICH DEPARTS WASHINGTON DECEMBER 26. RUSH

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